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REMARKS

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1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for communicating allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-24, 26-29 and 37-30.

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2. **35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 30-33 stand rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 6,404,860 ("Casellini") in view of U.S. patent no. 6,339,754 ("Flanagan"). Claims 30-33 have been cancelled from the Application, thereby overcoming the present rejection.

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Applicant makes such cancellation solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution of the Application. Such cancellation does not signify Applicant's agreement with the Examiner's position, nor does it indicate an intention to sacrifice patent protection Applicant reasonably believes it is entitled to.

15 Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue patent protection for the invention of a scope it reasonably believes it is entitled to in one or more continuing applications.

For the record, Applicant respectfully traverses any and all factual assertions in the file that are not supported by documentary evidence. Such include, but are not limited to, assertions based on findings of inherency, assertions based on official notice, and any other assertions of what is well known or commonly known in the prior art.

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CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing, the Application is deemed to be in allowable condition. Therefore, reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims is
5 earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, he is respectfully urged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650) 474-8400.

Respectfully submitted,

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